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## MORE MEXICAN INVADERS SWEEP OVER U. S. BORDER

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 14.—A party of eighty Mexicans under a leader named Cabrera has appeared between Zapata and Rio Grande City, ninety miles below Laredo on the Texas side. A detachment of the Fourteenth Cavalry is stationed at Zapata, and with the aid of citizens is prepared to resist the bandits if they reach that point. News of this was dispatched here from Zapata today.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Mexican soldiers entered American territory fifteen miles west of Nogales today and began slaughtering cattle, according to a report from the Harrison ranch, on the border. Three automobiles loaded with men started for the scene soon after the report reached here.

Washington, Aug. 14.—General Carranza has summarily dismissed the mayor of Vera Cruz from office for permitting the recent anti-foreign demonstrations which aroused apprehension of the American government. Official notification of Carranza action reached here today. The advices state that as a result of Carranza action, danger to foreigners had disappeared. In view of the continued reassuring reports from Vera Cruz, it is probable the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire, now sailing south, will not be ordered to Vera Cruz, as was contemplated, but will be held at some convenient place for future developments.

## APPEAL BRIEF: IS PUT IN TERMS OF FRIENDSHIP

Pan-American Peace Proposal Couched in Sweet Words.

Document Is Wired to Big Mexican Chiefs Today.

The Appeal in Brief.

From a reliable source, it was learned that the appeal covers the following points:

No. 1.—When the United States urged peace in Mexico June 2, it spoke for foreign nations as well as itself.

No. 2.—To prove that it had no selfish aims, the United States asked the Latin-American powers' co-operation in its latest efforts.

No. 3.—Believing the Mexican masses are uninterested in the military leaders' rivalry, the United States and the Latin American urged the former to inaugurate a peace movement.

No. 4.—The people are urged further to set up a constitutional government.

No. 5.—The conferees will recognize this government and give it moral support.

No. 6.—Mexico's best friend, the conferees confidently expect a favorable reply within a short period.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The Pan-American appeal to all of the Mexican factions calling upon them to end their civil strife was being dispatched from the state department today in original Spanish directly to Generals Carranza, Villa, governors of states and other Mexican chiefs. The appeal had been sent in English to the various Latin-American legations in Mexico City to be translated into Spanish for delivery to the military leaders in the various states.

Another Period of Waiting.

The appeal will be made public in the United States tomorrow.

Then will follow a period of possibly ten days or two weeks of waiting of momentous importance to Mexicans for it will determine if the country has among its leaders men capable of restoring her sovereignty and constitutional government without outside aid.

Brief and couched in terms of friendship and helpfulness, the appeal contains nothing which the patriotic Mexicans can resent. It is rather expected to reassure them of the disinterested intentions of the American nations and probably even soften the attitude of General Carranza.

The final copies of the appeal were going out today by telegraph, cable and wireless. Those to be delivered by Latin-American legations and consular officers in Mexico City went forward last night.

Expected to Reach Chiefs.

Through the various missions of the United States and the other American republics, scattered through Mexico, the appeal is expected to reach all the chiefs, leaders and governors in the various states. There have been no assurances that its transmission will not be interrupted by chiefs hostile to its intent, and neither have there been intimations that it may be reached its destination.

Informally those European powers interested in Mexico have in one way or another signified their approval of the effort to restore government. They have not given their support to any plan, but have previously signified their willingness to follow the lead of the United States.

## EXPLOSIVES; TWO TAKEN

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 14.—The police having found large quantities of explosives, including several hundred dynamite caps, in their possession, two men who said they were Frenchmen were fined \$500 in police court here today.

They said they intended using the explosives to catch fish. The police said they would dump their supply in the Missouri river without endangering the fish.

## ENGLAND TURNS OVER INTERESTS AT RIGA TO U. S.

American Envoy Takes Charge of Britain's Affairs.

Baltic Capital Soon In Hands of Conquering Germans?

KOVNO IS UNDER AWFUL FIRE

Resistance of Russian Center Materially Weakening.

Berlin Believes Drive on Petrograd Not Necessary.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—General Von Hindenburg's troops, attacking the fortress of Kovno, have stormed and captured the fortified forest of Dominikanka, in front of Kovno. "North of Novo Geogelovsk," said this afternoon's official statement, "we stormed and captured a strong outpost position, taking 1,800 prisoners."

Berlin, Aug. 14.—The forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, pursuing the retreating Russians from the south, have reached the line of the high road leading from Rodyn to Viadova, it was officially announced by German army headquarters today.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The American consul at Riga has taken over the British interests there, Ambassador Marrye so reported today from Petrograd, but gave no explanation.

RUSSIANS STILL GIVE GROUND.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—The second phase of the campaign on the eastern front is drawing rapidly to a close—the Russian center giving ground with little resistance in the world war here.

Attacking the Russian wings are von Hindenburg and Mackensen, the two greatest generals Germany has produced in the world war here.

Being subjected to terrific assault under the eye of von Hindenburg, and there is not the slightest doubt here that the fortress must soon succumb.

Mackensen is pressing slowly northward upon Brest-Litovsk, dealing heavy blows at the Russian left flank.

Ready soon from which she can scarcely recover before the allies are forced into peace negotiations.

The popular demand is that Germany shall withdraw its army into a new campaign on another front.

Battering Kovno to Pieces.

The Von Hindenburg-Mackensen movement will not be halted until Kovno is battered to pieces and all the territory of the Kovno-Brest-Litovsk line have fallen by German attack, military men here believe, those victories constituting the final phase of the struggle.

The Austro-German campaign in the east.

With the Brest-Litovsk and the Kovno lines held by German troops, the Russian center is the only part of Russia is anticipated for the balance of the war. The fall of Warsaw left the Slavs only Brest-Litovsk as a last line of defense.

Should Brest-Litovsk be surrendered to the Austro-Germans, the (Continued on Page 2.)

## TO ATTACK SUEZ

German Plan to Raid Canal Thwarted by French.

Teutonic Foundry at Jaffa, Equipping Fleet, Destroyed.

Paris, Aug. 14.—A plan for an attack on the Suez canal is said by the ministry of marine today to have been detected and thwarted.

Announcement was made in the following statement:

"On August 12, after warning had been given to the governor of Jaffa and time given for the evacuation of the vicinity, a French cruiser bombarded and destroyed the principal building of the shops of the German Wagner, which were making arrangements and munitions and constructing boats destined for an attack on Suez canal."

"The houses in the vicinity were not damaged."

Jaffa, in Southern Palestine, Asiatic Turkey, is about 150 miles northeast of Port Said, at the Mediterranean end of the Suez canal. In Jaffa is a large foundry owned by Wagner Brothers.

The French marine ministry's communication leaves in doubt the nature of the expedition said to have been planned against the canal. It would be obviously impossible to construct at Jaffa a naval force of sufficient strength to cope with the warships of Great Britain and France in those waters, and it might be inferred that small vessels were being built for a raid, depending upon secrecy and speed for the success of the adventure.

The Suez canal was attacked by the Turks earlier in the war. An army was sent to Egypt last winter and in February there was some fighting between the canal and the forces of the Turks, however, did not reach their goal.

Last of Harpers Dead.

Biddeford, Me., Aug. 14.—John W. Harper of New York, last survivor of the Harper Brothers, magazine publishers died today at Biddeford. He was 84 years old.

## IT STARTS MONDAY FLASH IN THE PAN

Investigation of Botkin's Record Opens at State House.

Later the Hearing May Be Transferred to Leavenworth.

TO EXAMINE 50 WITNESSES

Sensations Are Promised From Probe Testimony.

Well Known Lawyers Hired to Conduct Prison Case.

Charges against the official record of J. D. Botkin, warden of the state penitentiary at Lansing, will be heard next week by a commission appointed by Governor Capper. The hearing will start Monday morning in the senate chamber in the state house and may continue a week or ten days. It is probable that the commission will conduct a portion of its probe at Lansing.

Nearly a score of charges are contained in the indictment against Botkin's record by D. E. Jones, a discharged prison employee. It was upon the Jones charges that Governor Capper recently suspended Botkin and appointed a legislative committee to investigate charges. Special counsel has been retained by Governor Capper and two lawyers will defend the Botkin record. Probably forty or fifty witnesses will be examined on behalf of the state and the defendant. A number of affidavits also will be offered.

It was asserted recently that an effort would be made to keep from the records any reference to the administration of J. K. Coddling, former warden, and slated to succeed Botkin in event of his removal. This phase of the situation has not been discussed for publication by attorneys for the state.

After the first two or three days, it is probable that the hearing will be removed to Leavenworth where the records will be available. Several important witnesses are employees at the prison. To bring them to Topeka would require the shutting down of several prison departments during the hearing.

Members of Commission.

Members of the commission appointed by Governor Capper to pass on Botkin's official record are: Senators James A. Troutman, Topeka; and Noah L. Bowman, Garnett; Representatives Walter A. Layton, Osborne; J. K. Pettijohn, Dodge City; and A. J. Holderman, Eldorado. Senator Troutman and Representative Layton are Republicans. Representative Bowman is a Progressive. Botkin, a Democrat, will appear in behalf of the warden. J. K. Coddling, who resigned to devote his time to the practice of law in Leavenworth.

M. Brewster, attorney general, will appear in behalf of the state in the prosecution of the charges against Botkin. Edwin McKeever of Topeka, has been retained privately by Governor Capper, and will be associated with Brewster in the prosecution of the case. T. J. Lafferty of Kansas City, former law partner of W. P. Hackler of Winfield, and Senator I. M. Mahin of Smith Center, will represent Botkin during the trial.

## TAKE MOTOR CARS

Anti-Horse Thief Band to Stop Car Stealing.

Kansas Suffers From Joy Riding Gas Gangs.

J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, will confer with officers of the Anti-Horse Thief association next week in an attempt to obtain their co-operation in protecting the owners of motor cars against thieves, it is announced.

Mr. Botkin pointed out today that the association has proved itself a most effective organization and that it extends its aid to the state in the co-operation of its members the theft of automobiles in Kansas could be brought to a minimum.

Under the plan he is advocating, the members of the association would report every unlicensed car that comes to their attention to his office. This, he asserts, would prove most effective in increasing the road funds of the various counties.

"Since a record of the owners of each license tag and the number of his engine is kept in my office, it is an easy matter to identify a stolen car," Mr. Botkin said. "If the members of the Anti-Horse Thief association will take the number of cars they suspect as having been stolen and notify us, I believe there will be little difficulty in working out a solution of the problem."

## PEACE NOT PROFFERED

Report of Germany's Offer to Russia Branded Ridiculous.

London, Aug. 14.—Reports that Germany has made overtures to Russia for a separate peace by offering to Russia a free use of the Dardanelles are declared ridiculous by the Ham-burg Nachrichten, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam.

"Germany does not own the Dardanelles and, therefore, cannot offer them to anybody," declares the Nachrichten.

"They are the property of the Turks, who for five months have proved that they know how to defend them. The German empire does not betray its allies."

## WILSON MAY VISIT CAMP OF N. Y. CITIZEN SOLDIERY

Washington, Aug. 14.—Major General Leonard Wood's invitation to President Wilson to visit the citizen soldiery camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., has not reached the White House today and the president only knew of it through the news dispatch.

Officials said no comment would be made until the invitation had been received. It seems practically certain that the president will accept, stopping at the camp on his next visit to Cornish, and possibly he may speak on the subject of national defense.

The plans are entirely unformed at this stage, however, and are subject to developments in the meantime.

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## THEY NAME HOWE

Topekan Made President National Tax Association.

Ninth Annual Convention at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Officers elected at the final session of the ninth annual convention of the National Tax association announced today were:

Honorary president, Allen Ripley Foote, Columbus, Ohio, re-elected; president, Samuel T. Howe, Topeka, Kan.; vice president, Prof. Charles J. Bullock, Harvard university; treasurer, A. E. Holcomb, New York, re-elected; secretary, Dr. E. S. Adams, Madison, Wis., re-elected.

The place for holding the next convention will be named by the executive committee later.

Samuel T. Howe, secretary of the state tax commission, who has been elected president of the National Tax association since 1907. He is a recognized authority on all tax problems.

Mr. Howe came to Kansas in 1868 and has held many public offices, from sheriff of Marion county to member of the state board of railroad commissioners, 1895-97. He came to Topeka in 1887 and went into the real estate business.

Since coming here Mr. Howe has been prominent in public affairs. Before becoming state tax commissioner he was manager of the Bell Telephone company.

That there are certain interests in the United States who are determined to keep the United States in a state of war, is a fact which has been clearly proven by the recent Mexican flurries.

If possible, these interests are going to succeed in making the United States a permanent belligerent.

Intervention in Mexico is as far away as ever.

BOY DROWNS IN CREEK

Willie Harris, Negro, 17 Years Old, Strangles in Water.

Strangled by water in his lungs, Willie Harris, a 17 year old colored boy, drowned this afternoon in Soldier creek near the Central avenue bridge. The pulmotor was called but the firemen were unable to resuscitate the boy.

Dr. C. C. Lull, county physician, said Dr. J. H. Riney went to the scene and worked with the lad but could not bring his life back. Several other boys were swimming in the creek at the time of the drowning but were unable to save Harris. Harris is the son of W. M. Harris, who lives north on the Central avenue road.

## GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

Tenton Battles Damaged in Attempt to Battle Russians.

London, Aug. 14.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times reported today that a German cruiser was sunk and several other German warships damaged in an engagement with the Russian fleet near Asel Thursday.

The Germans, the correspondent said, are attempting to bottle up the Russian fleet, that they may transport troops to the Gulf of Riga region without molestation.

## VESSEL TREASURE SHIP

Three Bushels of Jewels Recovered When Eastland Is Righted.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Three bushels of jewels, purses and other small pieces of personal property which belong to victims of the Eastland disaster were recovered when the ship, just three weeks after the catastrophe, was restored to even keel today.

The property was found in the upper decks which were the first available to search.

Exploration of the hull will follow.

Two More Britishers Sunk.

London, Aug. 14.—The British steamer Cairo and the fishing smack Amethyst have been sunk by submarines. The crews were saved.

A dispatch from Amsterdam on July 5 said the U-30 had been sunk off the mouth of the Ems and raised thirty hours later. One member of the crew losing his life.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

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